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Dr. Dianne R. Nielson, Director Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 355 West North Temple 3 Triad Center, Suite 350 Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203

Attn: Susan Linner

Dear Dianne:

Sincerely.

Director

The Division has evaluated Soldier Creek Coal Company's plans to drill five exploration holes immediately east of their existing mine facility. The most distant hole is just slightly over 1,000 feet from their facility, thus concerns for nesting raptors is negated. It is recommended that the access road to the drill holes be closed and revegetated along with the drill sites at the time drilling is completed.

Thank you for an opportunity to review the MRP and provide comment.

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